

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 16, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, August 16th, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 2nd meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician reported that Phase I of the E-911 project will resume Tuesday. Herbert reported that the contract was not signed due to an error in the termination clause. Tom Barnes will attend the meeting

County Attorney Leigh Morning reported that county employees are abusing the social network websites. Morning commented that all social network websites need blocked. Herbert discussed the band width problems this will present and advised against the blocking. Morning reported that employee cell phone usage was also being abused. After further discussion Ken Masters made the motion for the auditor to prepare a memo to address employee cell phone and internet usage and to attach the memo to all employee paychecks. Marvin Cole second the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Rob Puckett, EMA Assistant, reported:

- 2009 IDHS radio grant is in
- NOAA grant is in
- Currently looking for health department grants
- County received highest graded assessment for the 2009 and 2010 capability grant. The county will receive ½ salary reimbursement for the EMA director.
- NEIMS testing needs everyone to take a 400 class later in the year. Otherwise all are current.
- The EMA generator trailer was used during the July 4th fireworks
- The Command trailer was utilized during the county fair
- Damage assessment was done during the storms of last week
- Staying compliant with state demands
- HSGP grant – TV monitors and computers for the courthouse
- 2010-2011 County Emergency Management Capability Assessment

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY IN ARLINGTON

James Spiker appeared before the Commissioners regarding the unclaimed property in Arlington. Leigh Morning informed Spiker that the County does not own the questioned piece of property. Morning advised Spiker to apply for a Quiet Title Action. Spiker informed Morning and the commissioners that he had applied for a Quiet Title Action and it was dismissed under 12B6 by the courts. Tom Barnes advised Spiker that the commissioners are unable to do anything further to assist him to acquire the property and that he should go back to his attorney or get a new attorney.

Spiker then shared his concerns of the foot traffic crossing US 52 and 700 west to reach the new elementary school.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, presented three petitions for the commissioners to consider during the public hearing at 9:30:

- Properties listed on Hwy 52. Marvin Cole made the motion to change the properties from manufacturing to commercial. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- John and Barbara Abrams property in Anderson Township. Todd explained that the zoning was a clean up too prevent spot rezoning. Marvin Cole made the motion to amend the zoning maps to Agriculture 3 and Residential 1 as outlined in the petition. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Blue River Research Services, LLC in Ripley Township. Ken Masters made the motion to amend the zoning maps from Agricultural 3 to Agricultural 4. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Todd shared that the Moscow community are circulating a petition regarding the Wendall Property that sits across and next to the Moscow covered bridge. Todd shared I.C. 5.1.19 which outlines a junk yard. Jerry Sitton noted that Wendall has volunteered to make the scallops and supports for the covered bridge.

HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE

Jerry Sitton presented for approval the Welfare Plan Services Agreement between Rush County and Benefit Administrative Systems, LLC of Illinois (B.A.S.) and the Third Party Administrator Status Change. Ken Masters made the motion to approve and sign all forms. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton reported that the local dentist do not want to join the network. Sitton noted that the local dentist already reported that they are currently within the 90%.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reported that the metal roof is currently being installed on the Moscow Covered Bridge. Sitton reported that he is getting a second opinion on

the bridge inspection. The committee will next meet August 25th. The dedication of the reconstruction of the bridge will be September 25th.

Sitton updated the commissioners on Phase III of the Carthage Pike project. Sitton reported that they cannot touch the wetlands. Sitton outlined the plans to drop the pavement, getting the width, improve the slope and grade of curve, and have a 30 mph curve. Sitton reported that it will be better.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-four (44) inmates of which six (6) are sentenced and thirty-eight (38) are pre-sentenced.

Sherwood reported that inmates will be addressing the weeds surrounding the Changing Footprints Building.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval on payroll claims on a motion by Marvin Cole. Seconded by Ken Masters. Motion Carried.

Bi-Weekly Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Adams questioned the commissioners regarding the Area 9 Agency 2-1-1 service invoice for 2011 in the amount of \$3,561.00 The commissioners advised her to see Randy Herbert.

The commissioners signed the surety bond for deputy treasurer Susan Spaeth on a motion by Marvin Cole. Seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Adams reported that after meeting with the DLGF, the county is looking at making \$1.6 million in budget cuts within their 2010 and or 2011 budget. Adams reported that the council sent out a memo to all department heads and elected officials asking them to review and make an 18% cut to their individual budget.

MISC.

- Reviewed EMS run reports from Carthage, Rush Memorial Hospital, Raleigh Fire Dept
- Approved the deed transfer from Rush County to the Anderson Township Sewer District on a motion by Ken Masters. Seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

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| <u>/c/Tom Barnes</u> | <u>/c/Marvin Cole</u> | <u>/c/Ken Masters</u> |
| Tom Barnes, Chairman | Marvin Cole | Ken Masters |

ATTEST:

/c/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor